

MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ADVISORY BOARD  
April 22, 2008

6:00 P.M.  
Mansfield Public Library  
Minutes

**Present:** E. BarShalom, L. Bailey, ex officio, S.Q. Clark, presiding, W. Hare, C.Rees, E. Chibeau

**Absent:** H. Hand, B. Katz, D. Truman

The meeting was called to order.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 24, 2008 meeting were accepted.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**LIBRARIAN REPORT:**

I. 2009 Budget Proposal

- Using statistics from Mansfield Public Library, the “library value use calculator” was used to determine that it costs the Town of Mansfield about \$613,200 to provide \$3,125, 864 worth of library services if people had to purchase the materials and services the library provides.
- 45% of the adult nonfiction books have copyrights dating back more than 15 years. The State Library recommends weeding 10 – 15% of the collection each year. Mansfield Public Library does not have enough staff time to implement the weeding or a budget large enough to supply current, accurate replacements.

- Books and other items are not fixed assets, but rather consumed goods: circulating items become damaged/worn/outdated/surpassed with newer information.

## II. Web Page Update

- The Board members present reviewed the changes made to the Library's web site. The right side of the screen now delineates what services and/or commercial databases are available only to Mansfield residents through remote access. All databases are available to anyone who comes into the Library.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Library's policies and mission statement are due for a review.
- The Minimum Standards for CT Principal Public Libraries should be reviewed and compared to Mansfield Public Library.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by Louise Bailey, temporary secretary